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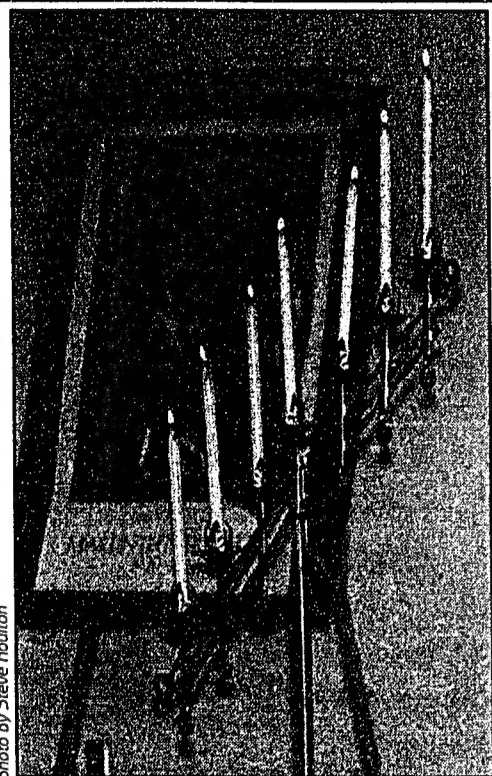


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## Search for New Vice Chancellor Under Way

by Renee Novy

The first three candidates for the position of Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Communications will interview on campus late January and early February, says the chair of the search committee in a letter distributed to faculty and staff late Monday.

In the letter, Karen White, dean of Fine Arts, says that members of the university community are encouraged to attend public forums which will be scheduled during the interviews of each candidate.

The three vying for the position are Dr. James R. Buck, Dr. Douglas Hartford and Dr. Michael Slinker.

Dr. James R. Buck will be interviewing on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24. He attained his degrees from the University of Colorado, Bradley University and Nova Southeastern University, White writes.

White further elaborates that Buck has held various positions at Black Hawk College in Illinois, including executive assistant to the president and director of development and public affairs.

Buck's current position is vice chancellor for development and

public affairs at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (SIUE) and chief executive officer of the SIUE Foundation.

Interviewing on Feb. 2 and Feb. 3 is Dr. Michael Slinker.

Among Slinker's career highlights are director of university relations at Humboldt State Univer-

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sity in Arcata, Calif. He has also served at Humboldt as director of public affairs, executive editor of the alumni magazine at Humboldt and as legislative proposition information coordinator, White writes.

Slinker has also served as a director of university news and publications and as an associate editor for the "Excellence in Teaching Journal" at Northern Arizona University from 1986 through 1988. He

won his degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and Northern Arizona University.

Dr. Douglas Hartford will complete this round of interviews on Feb. 5 and Feb. 6.

White writes that Hartford has earned his degrees from St. Lawrence University, Syracuse University and the University of Northern Colorado.

Hartford served in several successive positions in news services at the University of Southern Colorado from 1968 through 1977. After leaving the University of Southern Colorado in 1977, Hartford moved to the University of California-Davis to act as director of the alumni association, director of development, special assistant to the vice chancellor for university relations and as director of planned giving.

From 1989 to 1997, Hartford served as a vice chancellor for external affairs at Indiana University-South Bend.

More information about these candidates and others will be forthcoming in future issues of the *Gateway*.

## International Enrollment at UNO Increases

by Jennifer Martini

According to the information released in December 1997 by the Institute of International Education (IIE), the number of international students attending U.S. colleges and universities has risen by only 0.9 percent this year. This is a countenance of a seven-year trend of minimal growth.

Even though the enrollment of foreign students at colleges in the U.S. has tapered off, the number of international students at UNO has grown.

UNO's fall 1997 enrollment, however, hit its highest ever with 746 international students.

Even though the enrollment of foreign students at colleges in the U.S. has tapered off, the number of international students at UNO has grown. The international population increased dramatically, a 31 percent jump. So if you've heard more foreign languages on campus, you're not alone.

Thomas Gouttierre, UNO's dean of International Studies and Programs said, "The University has

enjoyed healthy increases in its foreign student, international student population over the last three years; 10.4 percent in 1995, 14.5 percent in 1996 and 30.9 percent this year."

Gouttierre also said "The total increase in international students and participants at UNO since 1994 is 65.4 percent. This period of increases coincides with increased collaboration between International Studies and Programs and Student Services and Enrollment Management."

UNO hosted a special program last summer for groups from Uzbekistan, Japan, and Austria, with a total of 83 students. This also includes the 746 students on campus.

Because higher education ranks fifth nationally among all service exports, bringing \$7 million to the economy annually, the international student population at UNO will bring \$10 million to the Omaha area.

"This new emphasis and strategy is being incorporated in direct, personal marketing and in the use of e-mail and the Internet," Gouttierre said.

UNO ended the 1997 semester with 80 countries represented on campus.

## Spanish to English to Bilingual

For Spanish-speaking population, learning English is a big step towards integration with mainstream society

Part II of a two-part series.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Hispanic population is the fastest growing ethnic or racial group in the United States, and some of that growth can be found in the Omaha area.

Some steps have been taken to address the change, such as the Command Spanish program at Metro Community College. But the change is on-going, and the steps don't stop there.

The Hispanic community is growing and expanding, said Alberto Cervantes, family mentoring community coordinator at the Chicano Awareness Center in Omaha. And areas outside of South Omaha need to become aware of this. One of the ways communities try to reach out is through the English as a Second Language (ESL) program in the public schools, but

Cervantes voiced his concerns about the program.

"There are so many families moving in, that the ESL program has expanded into other schools,"

**"Most of these families have parents with elementary educations. Some don't even know how to read or write. They want to help their children with school materials, but many can't."**

Cervantes said. "There's no room for the program, and these children are being bussed. This makes it more difficult for the parents to get in touch."

While most of the children in the mentoring project are bilingual, Cervantes said, 40 of the 45 families have Spanish-speaking only parents. Getting involved with the

school system, especially one that is outside the neighborhood, can be very intimidating for these parents. "Most of these families have parents with elementary educations.

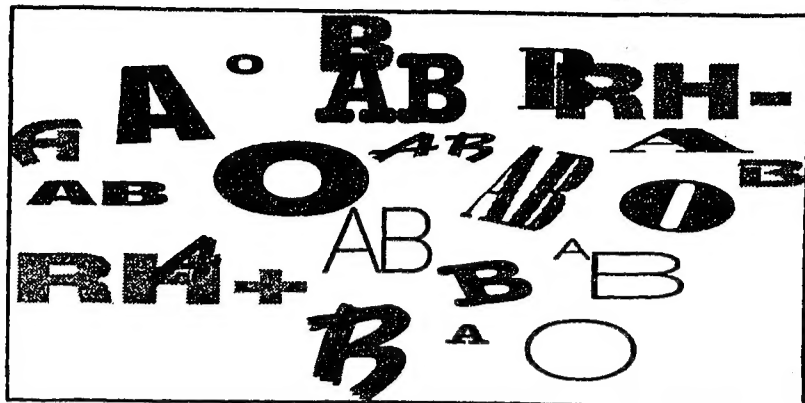
Some don't even know how to read or write. They want to help their children with school materials, but many can't," he said.

Ginny Mollak, ESL elementary specialist for the Omaha Public Schools (OPS), addressed Cervantes concerns. "We try to keep as many kids

at their home school as possible, simply because we want them to be comfortable in their neighborhood," she said. "But we have a high segregation of the population in south-east Omaha, and we want to let them know what all areas of Omaha are like. We do this by spreading out the program and redistributing the kids.

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## Peck is Arizona Bound

by Wendy Townley

Effective July 1, 1998, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Ernest Peck Jr. will become executive director of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences.

Located at Arizona State University in Tempe, Peck will maintain the dual duty as a research professor of both chemistry and biochemistry.

A national association of colleges and universities, the council's purpose is to further develop both the arts and the sciences as a major influence beyond American high school education.



Dr. Ernest Peck Jr. will help promote arts and sciences at Arizona State University.

## Professor: White Students Hide Racism

(UPI)

ANN ARBOR, Mich.,

A sociologist who surveyed white students at three U.S. colleges says he's found "a hidden reservoir of racial animosity" lurking beneath a veneer of anti-racist attitudes. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva of the University of Michigan says students surveyed in Florida, Oregon and Michigan showed less tolerance during personal interviews than on written questionnaires. He says students who expressed written support for interracial marriage and affirmative action later qualified or reversed their opinions with verbal comments. For example, Bonilla-Silva says initially liberal respondents later made comments such as, "I support interracial marriages, but I'm

concerned about the children." Of the 90 percent who wrote they support marriage between blacks and whites, only 30 percent held that view later during personal questioning. Bonilla-Silva says the verbal comments included "an arsenal of semantic maneuvers to conceal racial opinions." He concludes that a "hidden reservoir of racial animosity and suspicion" exists among white, college students even though "direct, overt expressions of racism are rare these days." Surveyors questioned 451 students at Michigan, the University of Florida and Oregon's Portland State University. Copyright 1998 by United Press International.

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# Spanish to English to Bilingual

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To meet the needs, we search for home school opportunities or as close to that as we possibly can. If they are sent to other schools, it is just part of Omaha Public School's desegregation plan, not a separate plan."

Right now the OPS system has 1,300 children enrolled in the ESL program at the elementary level, 85 percent of whom are Hispanic. Half of the children are at the kindergarten-to-third grade level. "Our focus is to get them speaking English," Mollak said. "Then they are transitioned into the regular classroom to better interact with peer groups to help them get mainstreamed." According to Mollak, 41 percent of the children attend Spring Lake Elementary, with Field Club Elementary also handling a large percentage.

Mollak said she dreams of progressing into more of a resource program, more of a service model. Students would be served in their home community with teachers and class sizes that are applicable, on their grade level, with as much intensive instruction on an individual basis as is needed. "That is our dream," she said. "We're close to it in some schools, but we just have such high degrees of population in others, we can't do it."

Funding is a major problem, according to Mollak. "What we do is federally required, but not federally funded," she said. "In the

last five years, we've doubled the number of children served." In addition, there are parents who call the school offices to say they want to learn, too.

"We think this is great," Mollak said. "One of our schools is piloting an adult education program right in their school, with child care provided. It's very interesting to find out where we need to get, but again, that money aspect is just exhausting."

Mollak said she sees the ESL program as helpful to both the Spanish-speaking students and the other students in the schools involved. "Nebraska has been described to me as a very 'white' community, and Omaha as a whole (in this regard) is not very progressive. But I think Omaha Public Schools are far more progressive, and as far as diversity, we do have that to offer. In order for our kids to understand it, they have to see it."

When asked if there was a perfect solution or best case scenario, Mollak said bilingualism might be something to look into. "It's a national question," she said. "I think we need to head more toward it to keep our kids employable. The really interesting thing about this is that our students in the ESL program will be far more employable than the mainstream (kids) because they will have both languages."

# Exposure To Cigarette Smoke Hardens Arteries

by College Press Service  
WASHINGTON

The more you smoke, the faster your arteries harden, new research shows. A University of California at Los Angeles study suggests that the arteries of smokers, ex-smokers and people frequently exposed to second-hand smoke harden quicker than those of non-smokers. The process appears to be irreversible and increases the risk of heart attack and stroke. Researchers also found that the speed at which the arteries harden, a condition known as atherosclerosis, is related to the length of time and number of cigarettes a person has smoked. "What we're not saying is, 'Well, don't worry, the damage is done. Your ship is sunk,'" Dr. George Howard, one of the study's authors, told Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service. "If you keep smoking, your rate of progression of atherosclerosis will be even faster. And that's a reason to quit." The study's findings come at a time when, at 16.1 percent, more freshmen are smoking than ever, according to recent research conducted by educators at the University of California at Los Angeles.

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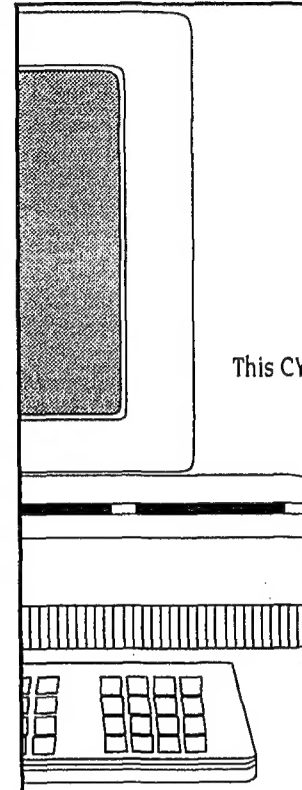
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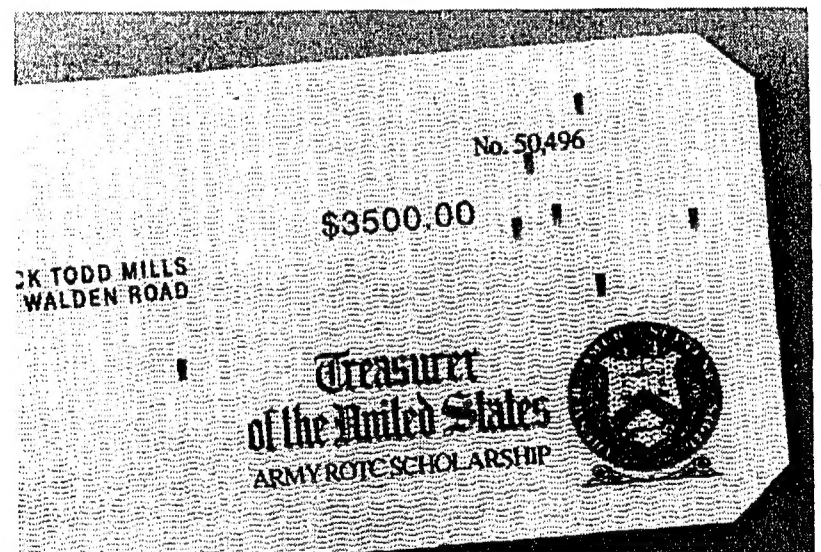
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# Gateway Opinion

## A Little Something To Get Off My Chest...

Opinion by Sue Markert  
Orange Source, Syracuse University

"Hey, you shouldn't have to wait for beer," the blond guy said to my chest. He grabbed my empty cup, and passed it over dozens of people to the keg. In a moment, I had my beer, and I walked away, self-consciously rearranging the four pairs of socks stuffed in my bra. I don't consider myself small by any means; I was pleased to read in a Glamour poll last year that most women want to be my size, 34C. But hey, it was a Halloween party that

It made me wonder about why I was getting all this attention. What about my cute looks, my sparkling personality? Was my attractiveness confined to a sock drawer?

provided the perfect opportunity to, um, accentuate my features. Besides, my cheerleader costume absolutely screamed for a bloated chest and big hair. So I grabbed a couple of pairs of shoulder pads, an oversized bra and eight socks, and I set to work. I intended for my breasts to be so big they would obviously be a part of my costume, like a head wound or an extra arm. Not a chance. Most of the women I met immediately knew they were falsies, but many men had no clue. You'd think my bumping into walls with my chest would have been a good indicator that I usually carried significantly less baggage — but many guys still didn't get it. Aside from my

new spatial boundaries, I realized big-breasted women get a lot more attention. A lot. Maybe this was just because I was attuned to it, but I noticed I got a lot more suitors than on a typical night of partying. I would walk down the stairs, down the hall, in a crowd, and men would call to me or stop me. One guy pulled me aside and asked me to sign his mask. This suited me just fine. I figured the more attention, the better. But having these big breasts took work, mind you. I had to sneak into the bathroom twice to rearrange, prompting those outside to wonder aloud, "What the hell is she doing in there?" I also noticed that for optimum bustiness, I had to constantly keep my shoulders back and stomach sucked in. Try it sometime. To make matters worse, when people — male and female — found out about my socks, a couple felt the need to grab me repeatedly. Still worse was that my friend kept telling people, "You know, those aren't Sue's real breasts. She has four pairs of socks in there!" When she said that, some men, er, boys drifted away and lost interest. One even groped me, then left. It made me wonder about why I was getting all this attention. What about my cute looks, my sparkling personality? Was my attractiveness confined to a sock drawer? I got a phone number that night. I didn't tell him about my experiment and hoped the rest of me had made a good enough impression. I feared my socks had written a check my real breasts would bounce.

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## Recall Daub? Let's Start With Clinton

Opinion by Sean Guilfoyle

The waters of recall are flowing around Omaha once again, this time concerning Mayor Hal Daub. A petition drive has been launched to collect signatures to remove Mayor Daub from his duties. The last time this happened, the city removed former Mayor Mike Boyle in what was the most brilliant decision by Omahans in the 20th century. While I may not completely support Mayor Daub's "refurbished" hairstyle, I can say I agree with his decisions in guiding the city. There is, however, a more important task at hand—the removal of President Clinton.

Never before has there been such an unprecedented number of fallacies and allegations concerning the commander-in-spending (er ... chief). While allegations are simply that, there are a few too many "coincidences" that have occurred during Clinton's tenure.

Obstruction of justice. Clinton has purposely drug his feet on turning over and releasing many documents to authorities, causing the expenditure of more taxpayer money. Instead of using the office of the presidency to help clear up charges, he has hidden behind the shield of protection that guards him through executive privilege.

Let's look at bribery. This issue has become so serious, that even the liberal "New York Times" called the 1996 Clinton/Gore campaign "the most reckless presidential fund-raising operation in recent history." John Huang raised \$3 million for the Democratic National Committee, only to have \$1.6 million returned because of its foreign sources. Not only did Huang "fund-raise" for the DNC, but was also a sort of "democratic prostitute"—raising money in exchange for top secret clearance. Huang, formerly of the Lippo Group (half owned by Communist China), met and visited with members of the Red Chinese government after attending many U.S. security briefings. Others, such as Charlie Trie and Johnny Chung, have also been identified as "fund raisers" as well.

The Clinton White House in 1993 and

1994 illegally obtained confidential FBI background files on over 900 former Republican administration people. According to the federal Privacy Act, it is a crime to disclose the contents of such files to anyone not entitled to receive those items. This was deemed as nothing more than a political "snafu" by the White House, as the Fifth Amendment has become well-versed in the Clinton Administration. In fact, more than 50 witnesses have taken the Fifth Amendment, refusing to cooperate with congressional committees.

Not only is Clinton being implicated in government affairs, but in domestic affairs as well. Just last week, Clinton finally gave a six-hour deposition in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case (it probably took him that long to list all of his "marital improprieties").

There are so many wrongdoings in the White House that many of the ordeals have been conveniently forgotten. Remember Whitewater? Does Vince Foster ring a bell? Thanks in part to a dominant liberal media, many of Clinton's allegations have been set in the background. But, even the best of the bed-wetting liberals have come to realize the seriousness and depth of allegations that have been lobbied against the president. Is it merely an attempt at partisan politics by the Republicans? Hardly. No organization could dream up some of the ridiculous things that Clinton has done, and quite frankly, gotten away with. He should have a closet full of orange jumpsuits, instead of suits with adjustable waistbands.

We shouldn't be focusing on Hal Daub. Daub has done a tremendous job in turning this city around, setting it on its feet and letting it walk by itself — without the hands of government always getting in the way. Rather, we should remember the true injustice that continues to reside at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. It's never too late for a change, and now is as good a time as ever. Anyone know of a good cattle broker in town? I hear their futures market turns quite a profit.

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# UNO Student Art Show a Reflection of Life

review by Melanie Wilson

Art does imitate life. This is especially true of works of art that are about life and the human experience.

The "Works of Ernie Pepion and Gerardo Castillo Meza," displayed at UNO in the Del Weber Fine Arts Building's Art Gallery, show this imitation of life beautifully.

Through the use of value (lightness and darkness) and line shape, these paintings are able to express life today.

Both artists express life in its most crucial form: the normal day-to-day existence. The paintings add exquisite breath to the canvas and they have their own presence.

One such painting, "Missing," by Ernie Pepion shows a

man confined to a wheelchair with a girl pushing him. Also shown is a group of people, who seem to be staring at the background. In the background military personnel are present, but almost invisible because they are cloaked with dark colors.

This painting is interesting because of the title and the military presence. Why is this called "Missing?" A person could be missing. Why do things, or people, leave? Perhaps these are the questions Pepion had in mind.

Another painting displayed by Pepion is "Hog Tied." It is, simply, a portrait of man who is lying on his side hog-tied. The man is a brilliant shade of red and the usage of bright colors creates a sense of burning in a blazing sun. This is complemented by the yellow background.

The other featured artist, Gerardo Castillo Meza, also has interesting works displayed at the gallery. "Rat," shows a man lying his head down on a table with a rat nearby. This portrait seems to take up the whole room with its magnitude. The colors, though they are not luminous, take on a light of their own with their special blend. Through the artists use of various browns and blues, the painting becomes unique.

Another striking painting by Meza is "Neighbors Dog" which commands the view of people walking in the gallery. This simple painting of a man looking at a dog on a windowsill grabs the viewers' attention before they walk into the room where it is displayed.

The man seems to be less dominant from afar, but when one gets closer, he is larger than life.

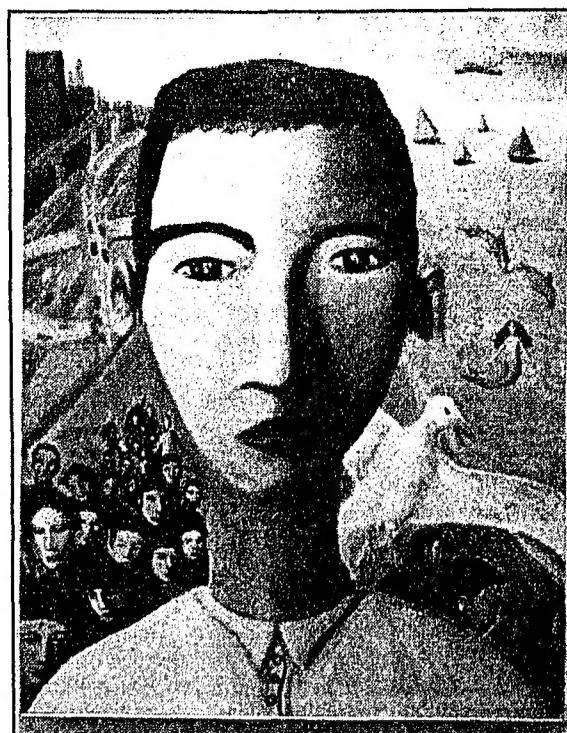


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Gerardo Castillo Meza's artwork is on display through Feb. 6th at the Del and Lou Ann Weber Fine Arts Building. This acrylic on canvas is entitled "The Walk."

When asked, Nancy Kelly, director of the art gallery, stated that she chose these artists because she felt they "complimented" each other. Their simple life and spirited styles catch the soul and touch the heart.

The exhibit is on display Jan. 16 through Feb. 6. Gallery hours are Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

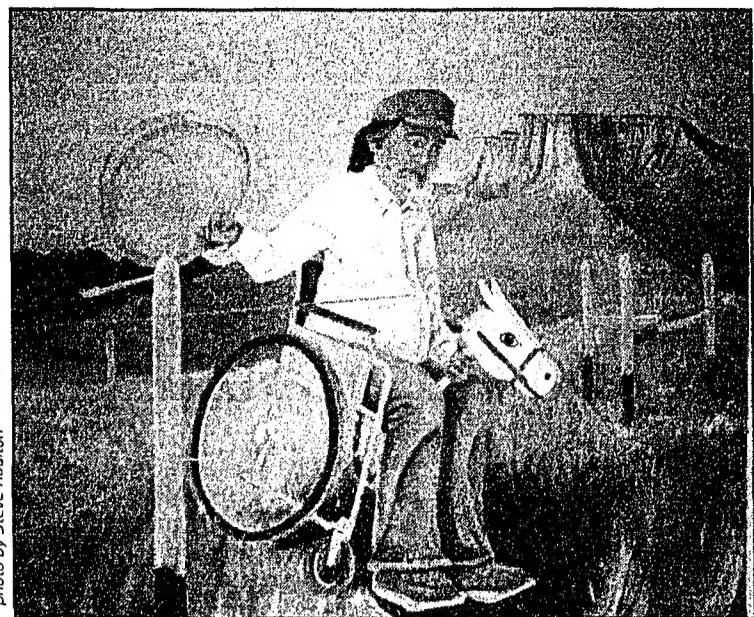


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"Bustin Loose," an oil on canvas work by Ernie Pepion, is on display in the Del and Lou Ann Weber Fine Arts Building.

## U.S. Students Return Home After Rape, Robbery in Guatemala

by Glen Elsasser

**Knight-Ridder Newspapers  
WASHINGTON**

The gunmen suddenly roared up in two pickup trucks, firing their machine guns into the air and forcing the pink-and-white bus to a stop along a highway south of Guatemala City. Five of the men boarded the bus and ordered the trembling American passengers to keep their eyes on the floor. They then drove the vehicle a half mile off the highway into a sugar cane field. What began as a journey of discovery in Guatemala for 13 students and three adults from a small Maryland college ended as a terror-filled 90-minute ordeal in the isolated field, where they were robbed. "My concern was, 'How was this going to end?'" recalled faculty guide Jorge Rogachevsky, who laid face down alongside his students in the cane field last Friday. "I was helpless to prevent it as it was occurring." Three days after their abduction, the details of what President Clinton called a "terrible thing" emerged Monday amid questions about the decision by St. Mary's College, a small Maryland liberal-arts institution, to send students on a study tour to the Central American nation. "It's very unfortunate that what was a mission of human interest and kindness was so bitterly turned around," St. Mary's College President Jane Margaret O'Brien said at a news conference. The group was described as in good condition by O'Brien, the president of the four-year state institution in historic St. Mary's City, 70 miles north of Washington. They returned to the United States over the weekend and were said to be undergoing counseling after the traumatic experience. President Clinton expressed sorrow over the incident and said he expected Guatemalan authorities to bring the gunmen to justice.

"I have a lot of concern, obviously, for the victims and their families," Clinton told reporters. "It's a terrible thing. We are persuaded the government is taking appropriate action." Guatemalan authorities said Monday four suspects had been arrested and had provided the names of their accomplices in the brazen daylight attack in a region known for banditry. State Department spokesman James Foley said Monday, "The Guatemalan government has responded expeditiously." The U.S. Embassy learned of the attack Friday night and immediately sent a team to bring the group back to the capital of Guatemala City, about 40 miles away. The students, 12 women and one man, were accompanied on the study trip by two male faculty members and a female administrator from St. Mary's College. Rogachevsky, an Argentina-born professor of Spanish and Latin American studies and the first passenger off the bus, recalled Monday the gunmen demanded more money after robbing the group and searching their luggage. "They wanted to know where the money was hidden," he said. He said he tried to explain they had already spent most of it during their previous two weeks in Guatemala and were on the last leg of their trip. Appearing calm at a campus news conference, Rogachevsky, a former Fulbright scholar in Guatemala, said he was concerned as the time passed about how the ordeal would ever end. "I am not a religious man," he said, "but I said a prayer." The bandits commandeered the bus along the highway near the town of Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa. Victor Anibal Lopez Arias, identified as the driver of the bus, told The Associated Press in Guatemala the bandits

threatened to kill anyone who moved. He said the gunmen seized luggage, money and other items before the rapes began. "They raped one seniorita in the bus, and the other four met a similar fate when they were taken into the cane field," he said. He said he and his passengers stayed on the ground even after the attackers left, because the gunmen threatened to leave a lookout to kill anyone who moved. The end finally came when shots were heard and police suddenly appeared on the scene. The authorities apparently were alerted by a passing civil patrol, which spotted the gunmen but didn't have the weapons to intervene. Afterward, Rogachevsky said, he spent his time talking with the students so they would feel comforted and protected. He declined, however, to provide any further details of the incident, citing the ongoing investigation. Both Rogachevsky and O'Brien insisted there were no plans to discontinue the college's study-abroad program. The Guatemala trip had been the third to the region by the college. "We feel it is a very important part of what we do," O'Brien said. "The parents we have talked to and the parents of the victims support that." While trying not to minimize the "severe trauma" suffered by the students, whom he described as like his own family, Rogachevsky said colleges and universities must be committed to presenting students information about the world as a way to reduce conflict. "There are dangers in the world," said Rogachevsky, who lived in Guatemala in 1993 and 1994. "You walk into a New York subway, and things happen." The State Department has advised travelers that "no area in Guatemala can be definitively

characterized as 'always safe,'" although traveling during daylight hours and in groups "generally afforded some measure of personal security." Recently, however, the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala has reported shootings, kidnappings, rapes and violent assaults involving American tourists during daylight hours. Last July, the State Department reported, a public bus was hijacked during daylight hours, and all 20 foreign occupants robbed at gunpoint. Five passengers were raped by gang members. Rogachevsky said Monday the group was aware of these incidents and the students had been counseled about safety concerns before the trip. Nonetheless, St. Mary's College officials did not believe students were at great risk, noting the lack of travel restrictions from the State Department. "There was not an indication to us we were at greater risk than at other times," O'Brien said. Roberto Robles, director of the federal Guatemalan Tourism Institute, said the assault could seriously damage tourism, which along with coffee and sugar is one of the country's top three moneymakers. More than 600,000 tourists visit Guatemala every year, more than 150,000 from the United States. Last year tourism brought in about \$325 million to Guatemala. News of the attack became public only after the students returned to the United States and U.S. media began reporting the incident Sunday based on their accounts. Interior Minister Rodolfo Mendoza denied the government had tried to hush up the case, saying the investigation had been rapid and very successful.

# University Administrator Wants Court Date After Being Called A "Butt-licker"

By Christine Tatum  
College Press Service

Editors at Virginia Tech's student newspaper claimed it was a terrible mistake when a Virginia Tech administrator was referred to as the "director of butt-licking" in an edition of the Collegiate Times. The student journalists say dummy type accidentally made it into print. But the administrator, Sharon Yeagle, isn't buying that explanation. Yeagle, the assistant to the university's vice president, believes she was the target of a cruel joke and has filed suit against the newspaper for printing the 1996 article. She wants at least \$850,000 to make up for the damage she claims was done to her professional and personal reputation. Student editors sent a letter of apology to Yeagle the day after the article ran, explaining the mistake was made from a combination of a computer glitch and poor proofreading. To create the newspaper page, they had used a template containing titles so absurd no one could forget to change them — or so they thought. But the damage already was done, said Yeagle's attorney, Leisa Ciaffone. "Even if there was an accident, the laws of this state prevent

people from negligence," said Ciaffone. Yeagle has asked the Virginia Supreme Court to review the case and to decide whether she is entitled to a jury trial. A lower court dismissed the case last year. Circuit Judge Ray W. Grubbs said no reasonable person could have read the article — which correctly identified Yeagle by name and position — and then believed the bold quotes attached contained Yeagle's real title. "This is an unfortunate incident that she has to move on from and become a little more thick-skinned about," said James R. Creekmore, the student newspaper's attorney. "I don't think a reasonable reader would think this is an assertion of fact, and if it's not asserted as correct — a person's reputation can't be harmed. "But let's say someone assumed the title was correct," he continued. "In this context, it goes the route of subjective opinion and impression. It becomes a matter of free speech and expression. What may be a butt-licker to one person isn't necessarily a butt-licker to another." However, the

crude phrase is easily defined as someone who shamelessly curries favor for personal and professional gain, Ciaffone said. To make matters worse, Ciaffone said, the article appearing with the bold quotes featured a string of glowing comments from Yeagle about the university sending students to a state honors program. "My client makes some very positive comments, and the Collegiate Times essentially calls her a brown-noser, an apple-polisher and a kiss-ass," Ciaffone said. "If someone reads that story and they don't know Sharon Yeagle, they may not believe a word she says. "Ms. Yeagle is a professional woman who is very good at her job and worked very hard to get where she is." That is why it has been difficult for Yeagle to endure the snickers and jokes that have come from co-workers, supervisors and even her son's classmates, Ciaffone said. "People were laughing the day it ran, and they're still laughing," Ciaffone said. The state Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision in three months.

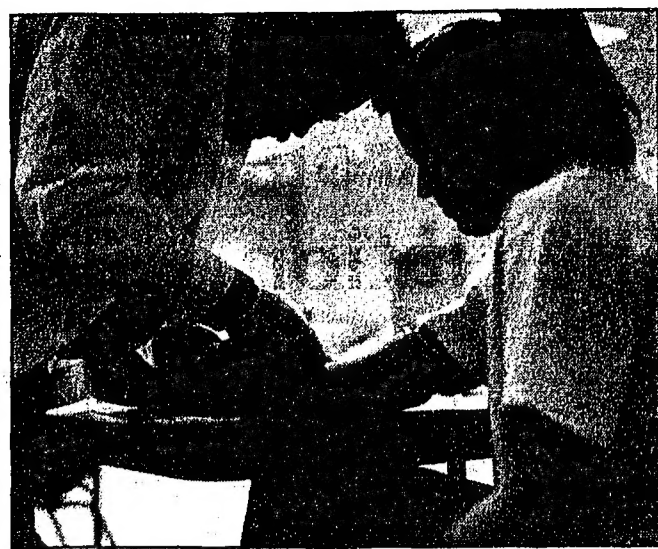


photo by Steve Houlton

Students were asked to lend a helping hand Monday afternoon at a Minority Bone Marrow Drive sponsored by the UNO Democrats. Above, a Red Cross volunteer takes blood from UNO student Natalie Davis (right).

## College Freshmen Asked To Watch What They Eat - For Research

by College Press Service  
HIRAM, Ohio

First-year students at Hiram College are making history by watching what they eat. College administrators say almost the entire class of about 200 students is participating in a cholesterol study believed to be the first of its kind conducted on a college campus. The study is designed to identify students with abnormal cholesterol levels and devise strategies to help them bring their cholesterol back into a normal range. Students will be monitored the entire four years they're on campus. The college's offices of athletics, athletic training, counseling, dining services and student life are teaming to come up with strategies to help students keep their calories down and exercise up.

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# Campus News From Around The Nation

By College Press Service

## Smart Sex?

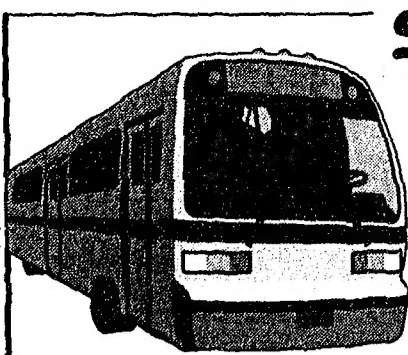
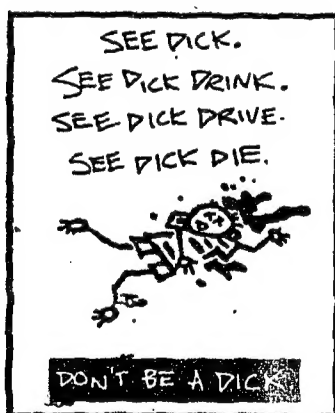
CHICAGO

Dropouts do it better - or at least more often. Americans with college degrees have less sex than those who've earned only high school diplomas, a study conducted by the University of Chicago's National Opinion Research Center indicates. High school graduates average 58 sexual encounters a year, while people with four-year degrees average 56, the study found. And if student loans weren't a big enough deterrent, consider this: at an average of 52 times a year, folks who finish graduate school have sex the least often of all, the study found. Researchers say the more education people have the more concerned they are about sexually transmitted diseases. Who's having the most sex? Gun owners, jazz fans and those who lack confidence in the president, the study revealed. Just why remains unclear.

## Teachers Face Jail Time

YAMOOUSSOUKRO, Ivory Coast

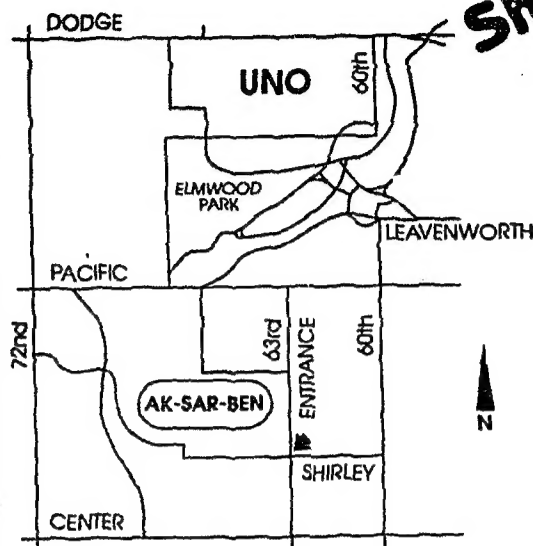
Teachers who seduce their students face jail sentences of up to five years under a proposal being considered by Ivory Coast government officials. One of the biggest reasons female students from grade school through college are dropping out of school is that their teachers are getting them pregnant, the government reported Jan. 15 in its newspaper, "Fraternite Matin." According to wire reports, the Ivory Coast's Education Ministry says 1,201 of 162,000 female students ended their studies in 1996 because of pregnancy. The proposed law targets teachers - many of whom have been caught demanding sex in exchange for better grades - but applies to anyone having sex with a minor 21 and younger. Under the proposal, offenders would face sentences between two and five years and fines up to \$8,200.



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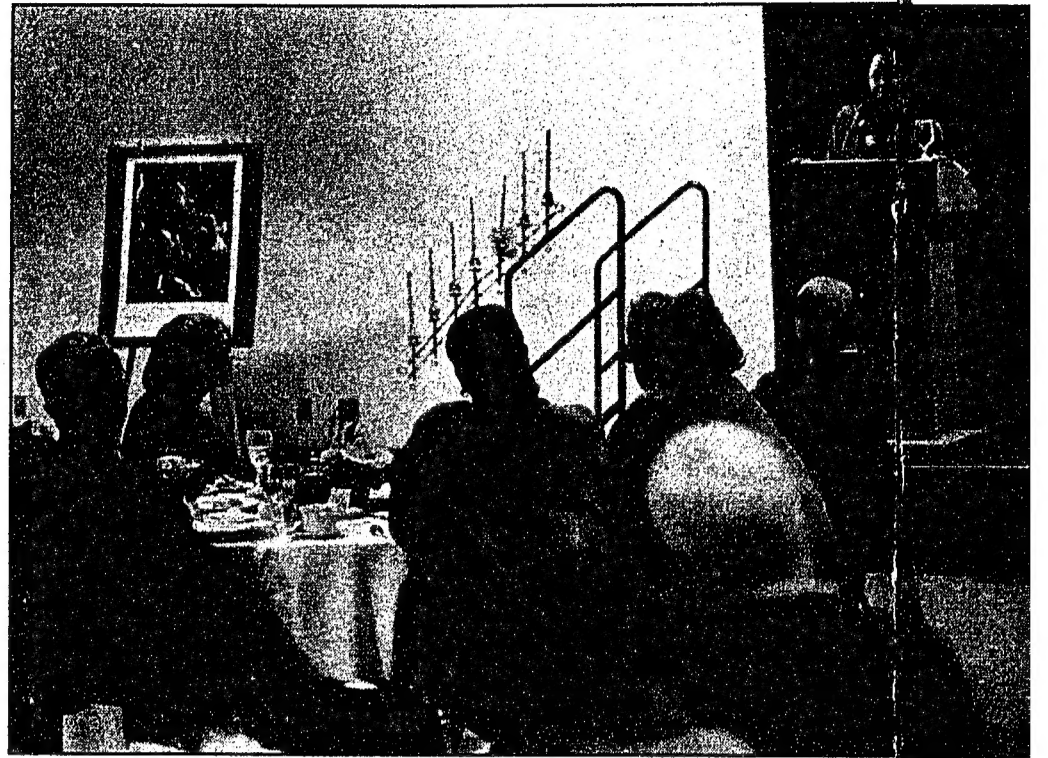
# UNO Celebrates Dr. Martin Luth



photo by Chris Machan

Tim Clark (above), Executive Director of Butler-Gast YMCA talks about what we need to accomplish to achieve Dr. King's dream.

Keynote Speaker Claudette Lee, of the UNO Department of Social Work, concluded her speech with a passage from one of Dr. King's writings.



by Helen Evans

UNO honored the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as activities on campus focused on the theme, "Forget not the past ... learn from the struggle ... embrace the Dream ..."

King is known to people throughout the world for his non-violent efforts of social protest. On Jan. 19, King is celebrated for his commitment to challenge injustice in order to gain equality for all people.

The week's activities began on Wednesday in the Student Center with a showing of a video about his life. On Thursday, dramatic readings were performed as students, faculty and staff spoke out about what impact Dr. King had made in their lives and in this country.

Keteshia Jackson (below), Education Chair of the African American Organization discusses what the AAO has done for students here at UNO.



photo by Chris Machan

Monday began with voices of praise as the gospel choir sang selections to honor Dr. King's birthday. A campus-wide moment of silence was also held at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon in the Student Center ballroom.

Each activity had a attendance including students, staff and faculty.

Born in Atlanta, Ga. in 1929 during a time of turmoil and bitter segregation, King was surrounded by the teachings of the Christian faith because his father was a Baptist minister. Ultimately, these same teachings convinced King to educate himself and begin to help others around him do the same. He was convinced that through education, ignorance could be stopped, and the path cleared to integration and equal opportunity for all people.

UNO students have a variety of things to say regarding the honoring of King.

Why should Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday be honored?

One UNO senior and criminal justice major, MarTay Jenkins, said, "We don't hold classes on President's Day or any other holiday. Dr. King was a special man and we should respect all the accomplishments that he has made in this country. He has done so much for all people in America, not just African-Americans. His birthday is a national day that should be treated like all other holidays; with honor and respect."

What would students do to honor Dr. King if they didn't have classes?

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## A Holiday for the NU Sys

by Renée Novy

A federal holiday honors the life of one of America's fallen heroes — Martin Luther King Jr. Nevertheless, this holiday is as yet not observed by many university systems. However, it seems that now that may change. The executive committee of the National University System has passed three resolutions recommending that the university system honor

"UNO's faculty senate encourages that an academic calendar of the university be amended to include Martin Luther King Jr. Day..." reads the resolution.

Earlier concerns that observing the holiday might shorten the academic calendar (the holiday always falls on Monday), have been addressed in the three-point resolution.

"Because many classes meet only once per week, be it resolved that the faculty senate should result in appropriate allocations of class time in the academic calendar should ... the resolution continues."

The resolution outlines ideas for alleviating the question of reallocating class time by moving the current spring break to an earlier time in the semester. These resolutions will be presented to the chancellor for a vote within the next month.



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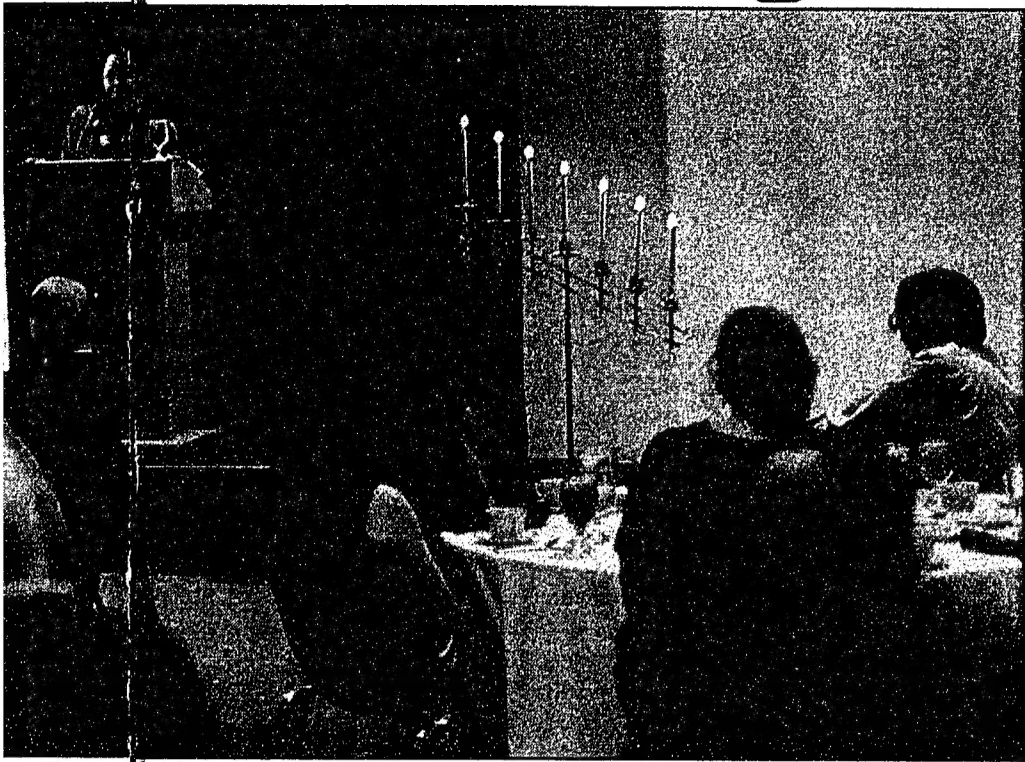


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Dr. Mary Mudd (above), Vice Chancellor of Student Services & Enrollment Management, made closing remarks at Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

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Tanya Cordes, a UNO senior and pre-med biology major said, "I don't have any classes today. I am going to spend time with my son. He and I are going to the library to get some books so I can share the knowledge of Dr. King with him."

King's legacy lives on today. He is most famous for organizing and teaching people to seek education as a tool.

His non-violent methods of protest like sit-ins, boycotts and unified marches are still used today as a means of social, economical and political protest.

One member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Constonsa Sampson, said, "His message was about unity and togetherness, so our sorority has gathered together to celebrate Dr. King on his birthday."

Sharif Liwaru, a senior and black studies major, said he would not protest going to class on King's birthday. "My fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, believes that one of the main principles is scholarship. If I missed classes today, it would have a negative effect on my grades. Academics is first and I believe that Dr. King would have supported me. He didn't miss class on his birthday and neither will I."

Graduating senior and black studies major, Marcus Ivy, will possibly focus his graduate thesis on King's social ecol-

ogy. "He is a great African-American man and he helped blacks liberate themselves from an oppressed state and poor conditions. Although many criticize Dr. King for his philosophies, I know that no man is perfect."

King expressed his concern of unity among all races in saying, "Men are born to live together, and apart from this togetherness would not be truly human. Human character does not grow and develop among groups where individualism is the lifestyle."

Although King was criticized by many for his ideologies and his tactics, to many he still made a positive impression on American society.

Jon Lucas (below) of the Chicano Awareness Center gave his own views on dreams before reading Dr. King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

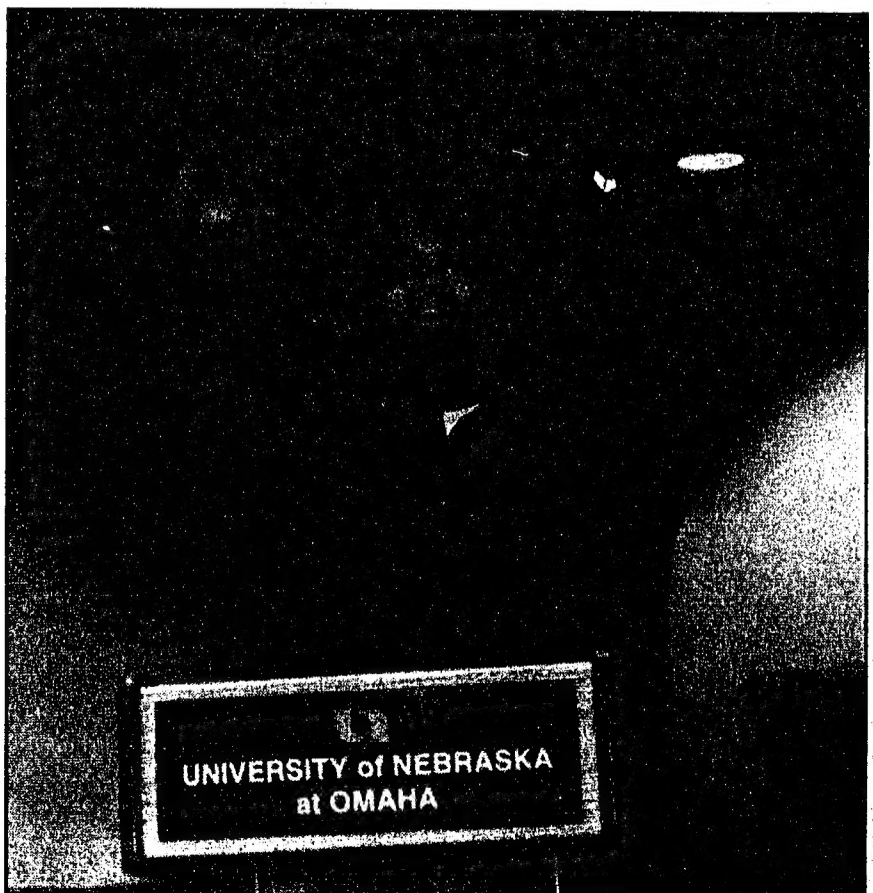


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# Features

## Computers Ruining Eyesight

by Heather McKinney

Staring. Students do a lot of it. Into space, at the opposite sex, at books and especially at computer screens, students' eyes spend a lot of time fixated.

In a *Better Homes and Gardens* article written last spring, a National Institute of Occupational Health and Safety study was quoted as saying that "nearly 90 percent of employees who work with computers for more than three hours a day suffer some form of eyestrain."

Students, who spend much of their time in the same types of activities, can certainly sympathize.

"People are married to their computers," said Bo Brannon, director of Occupational Health Solutions in Fort Worth. "People use them at work and then go home and continue to use them." According to Dr. Jacob Liberman, O.D. in his book, "Take Off Your Glasses and See," these people are overworking their eyes.

"The eyes can only see clearly by continuously moving and adapting to differing distances, light conditions, etc.," said Liberman. "Whenever we immobilize the eyes by staring or fixing our focus, we begin to see less clearly."

Like biceps and arm muscles, eyes have focusing muscles. When you look closely, your eye muscles contract. Your eyes spasm and tire after a long period of time because this is not their natural position. The muscles need to relax.

If the eyes are not allowed to re-

lax, headaches, itchy/burning eyes, tiredness and dizziness are a few common results.

Stanley Teoplick, M.D. in the *Better Homes and Gardens* article, said people need to stop periodically and give the eyes a chance to relax and reduce strain. "Few people stop to consider the downside of technology," said Teoplick, an ophthalmologist and member of the Better Vision Institute advisory council in Rosslyn, Va. "Computers are very hard on the eyes."

Things as simple as taking a break every 20 to 30 minutes can

***"Whenever we immobilize the eyes by staring or fixing our focus, we begin to see less clearly."***

relieve these problems, said Stan Schleifer, manager of Environmental Health, Safety and Security at UNO. "Give your eyes a chance to focus on something else if you have a window focus out into infinity."

Yawning is useful to relax and energize your body. Blinking several times helps to keep the eyes moist, preventing that familiar gritty burning sensation.

Schleifer also suggests sitting approximately 18 inches from your viewing area and having your papers as close to the screen as possible; that way you don't have to strain your eyes from constantly refocusing, like you would if your

paper was sitting on a desk. It is also to your benefit to have your terminal perpendicular to your light source to reduce the amount of glare created.

Not many people call in complaints about eyestrain, said Schleifer. When they do, it's usually from data entry groups. "People assume it is just part of the job and nothing can be done about it."

The truth is, a lot can be done.

Usually, said Schleifer, workstations aren't as advanced as the computers they support. The problem is furniture design has not yet caught up with technology. Many desks currently in use weren't built to properly display computer monitors. A 10-degree downward angle is ideal for good viewing.

Newer desks have been made that allow the user to raise the desk height. A less expensive route to get the monitor at the right height is to place a phone book or two underneath the monitor, as Schleifer has done with his.

Visiting the eye doctor regularly can also help relieve problems. "If someone is concerned, they should have an eye exam to rule out any disease. It's good basic eye care," says Brian Rannell, a Fort Worth ophthalmologist.

The most basic and inexpensive is also one of the most important, according to Liberman. Blink often, at least several times a minute. Take frequent breaks and have proper lighting to reduce eye strain.

**Have You Seen This Student?**  
They are considered cold and dangerous.



An anonymous UNO student took advantage of last Friday's snow and built a snow-cat near the Business Administration Building.

Photo by Steve Houston

## Student Sues Because His GPA Was Less Than Perfect

By College Press Service  
GEORGETOWN, Texas

Austin Jones, a 1997 graduate of Southwestern University, wasn't happy with his 3.89 grade-point average and magna cum laude status. He's suing the university for breach of contract because it changed its grading system — giving professors the option of adding pluses or minuses to letter grades — during his senior year. As a result, Jones says he was stripped of a 4.0. Jones told the *Chronicle of Higher Education* that he wants the university to change his transcript, give him a new diploma indicating summa cum laude and reimburse him \$14,000 for last year's tuition. According to the *Chronicle*, Jones readily admits he wouldn't have been an A student if the new grading system had been in place when he entered the school in 1994. "The (course) catalog says you have the right to rely on your degree requirements for 4-1/2 years after the time you enroll," said Jones, who is representing himself in the lawsuit. "That was the grading system that I entered under, and that's what I was bound by. It's a matter of principle." University officials have refused Jones' requests so far.

## College Textbook Industry Awaits the "Big One"

Cyberspace is about to shock the five billion dollar college textbook industry with a colossal earthquake. The epicenter of this industry quake: three enterprising California college students and the Student Market.com web site.

Oren Milgram, a recent San Jose State University Business graduate, founded Student Market in response to the high retail prices of textbooks and low buy-back rates offered by college bookstores. "Students need another option for buying and selling textbooks, but flooding campuses with fliers advertising textbooks is simply ineffective," explains Milgram.

Student Market provides exactly what students are seeking: an alternative — allowing students to eliminate college bookstores from the used textbook equation.

Students visiting Student Market for the first time register their per-

sonal information such as name, school, and email address. Then they can post their textbooks for sale, or search for the textbooks they need.

After finding the needed book, a student can contact the owner, negotiate a price, and meet to finish the deal. In order to make transactions easy for students, there are unique databases for each school; therefore, students only search for books posted by people in close geographic proximity — no mailing textbooks or long distance transactions. Watch out for the aftershock... the service is free.

So what's the catch? There is none! Student Market offers these services completely free by selling advertising space on the web site to

companies trying to reach the lucrative and large student population.

Student reaction has been overwhelming," remarks Student Market associate Ken Brickley, a Marketing major at San Jose State University.

***Student Market provides exactly what students are seeking: an alternative — allowing students to eliminate college bookstores from the used textbook equation.***

Student Market already has several thousand registered users. "Hundreds of sites are linking to the Student Market, including personal and student organization homepages. These links are adding up quickly, especially since word of mouth advertising is a driv-

ing force."

Student organizations and individuals are volunteering in order to help promote the book exchange service at their schools. "We're receiving phone calls and inquiries non-stop, sometimes I have difficulty getting my work done," says Student Market associate Eric Friedman, a Stanford Mathematics major. "We believe student governments are actively recognizing Stu-

dent Market because the service easily solves a common problem: exorbitant textbook prices.

Student Market has proved extremely valuable at many schools; the University of California at Irvine is one of Student Market's success stories. Aram Chaparyan, President

of the Associated Students of UC Irvine, explains that "we just started promoting Student Market, and it is already one of our most successful projects. It's a great way to reduce the costs of higher education."

"As a result of many student government requests, we developed a promotions packet directed towards implementing a successful textbook-exchange project. We always welcome student governments to contact us. It's a quick and easy way to save students' money," states Friedman.

This earth-shaking concept is already sending tremors through the college textbook market, leading Milgram to predict that "this undoubtedly will become a widely used way for college students to buy and sell used textbooks over the next couple years."



## by Kim Schlingman

A common frustration for students is that some of the required books are not on the shelves when classes start. According to Schmidt, two causes of a text being unavailable is that either the instructor places their

The cost of the textbooks is also a frustrating issue for students. Schmidt said the markup on most textbooks is 20 percent. If a

"If we think we can sell it," Schmidt says, "we will buy it back."

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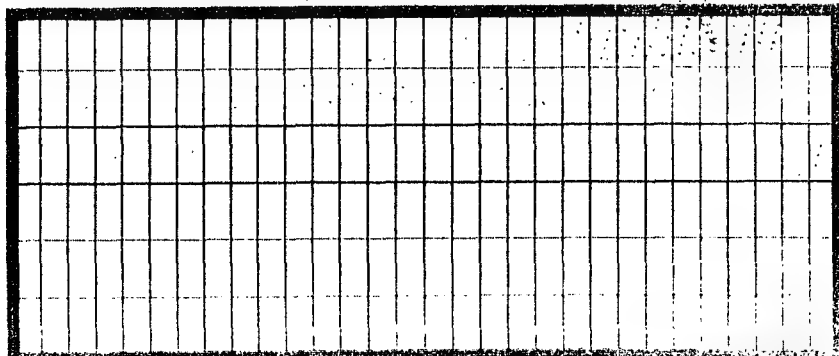
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# Sports



#32 Natasha Owens (far left) goes for a shot against two defenders at a recent basketball game.

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## Women on the Run

### Track team heads to Lincoln

By Andy Nordmeier

The Mav track and field team will be looking to carry on with its quick start this weekend when they compete in the Husker Open in Lincoln.

The team is fresh off of a dominating performance in the Ward Haylett Invitational held in Doane, Neb. this past weekend. The Lady Mavs won 11 of the 13 running events of the meet. Not too bad for a team that was slowed by some illnesses. The Mavs should be at full strength tomorrow as the distance runners will have more time to recover from their ailments and perform better.

Despite the success, Mav head coach Tim Hendricks may not go back to the meet again next year.

"It was a good meet to open with," Hendricks said, "but we seem to have outgrown the meet."

The Mavs look to improve times this weekend and try to gain more qualifying spots for the national meet. Hendricks hopes to do this by cutting each athlete down to one event for the meet.

"We will probably do more specialty races this week," Hendricks said. One runner who will participate in more than one event is Carri Butler. She will run in the 400-yard run and

be a part of the mile relay in hopes of locking up more provisional spots. Butler already has a provisional to her credit from the 60-yard run from the Haylett Invite.

The Lady Mavs will be facing a wide range of talent in the field tomorrow. They will run with the host Cornhuskers, Northwest Missouri State, in-state rival Nebraska-Kearney, and parts of three NCC teams in South Dakota State, Morningside, and Augustana. Those NCC teams will help in preparing for the conference part of the season by giving the Mavs a preview of what to expect.

The one thing that helps to gauge competition is the consistency in times in track and that aids the team by giving them goals to shoot for. Hendricks noted that six seconds is the same here as it is anywhere else and that helps with comparisons of times from all over the nation.

Hendricks noted that he was pleased with the jumps (long, high, and triple) at the Haylett Invite and is looking for improvements all season long.

"I want to shoot for six to eight athletes for nationals," Hendricks said,

"I'm pleased with where we're at, but we can get better."

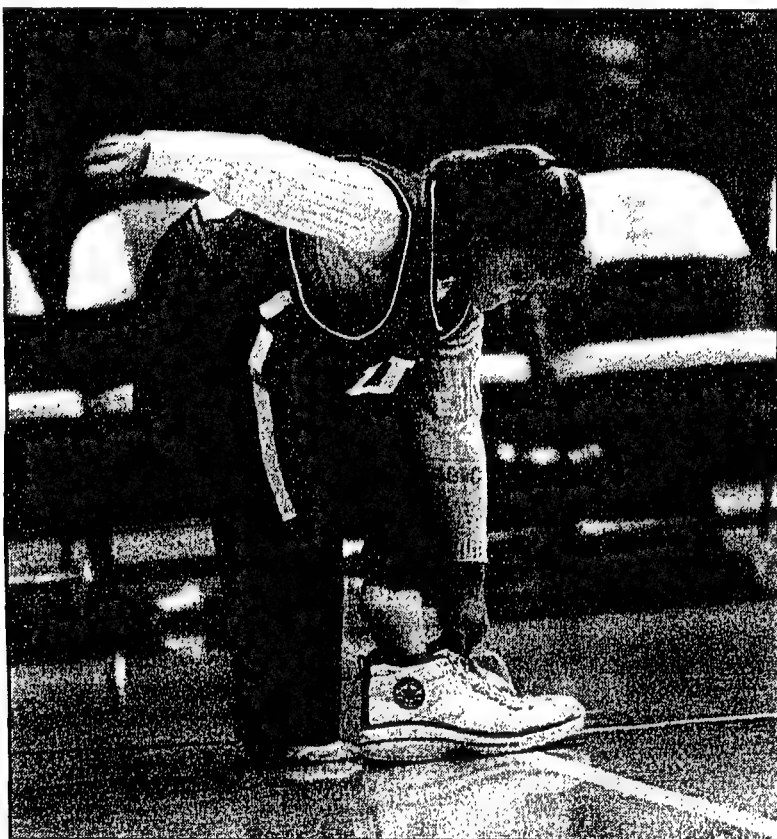


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Renee Talmon participates in the "Mini Mavs Mad Dash" at a recent basketball game.

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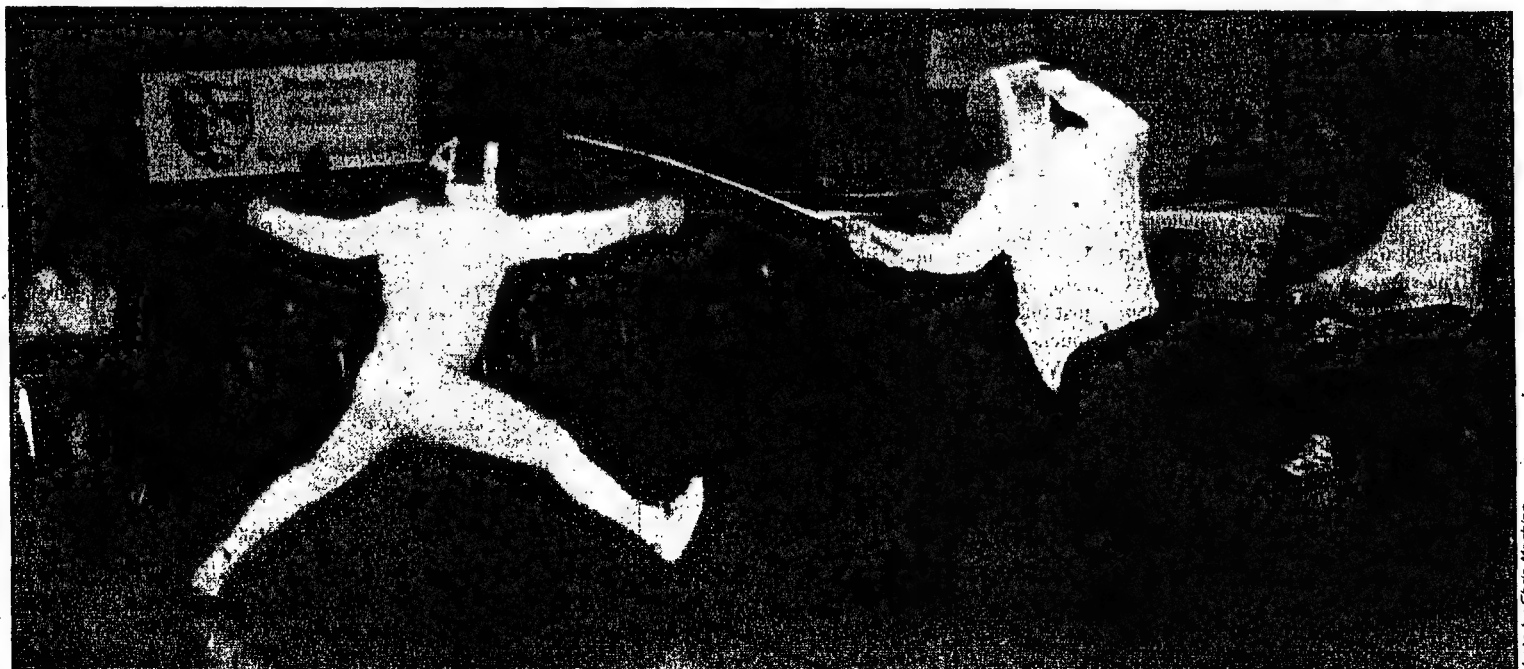
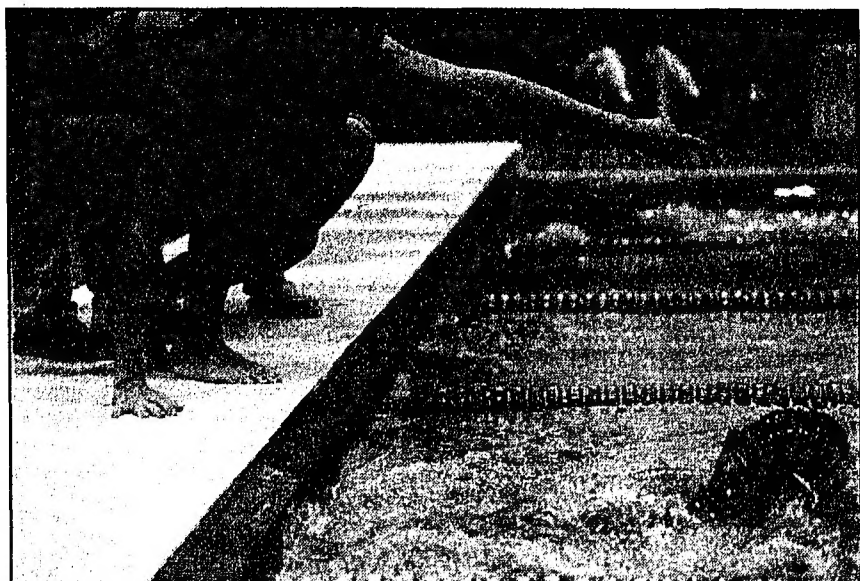


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Kristy Malone (left) encourages Tomomi Kano at a recent swim meet.

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## Weather El Nino or Not for Super Bowl XXXII, NFL is Prepared

By Luke Cyphers  
New York Daily News  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers  
SAN DIEGO

Right now, it looks as though El Nino won't wash out the Super Bowl. But the well-hyped weather phenomenon could put a damper on the circus surrounding the game. "The folks here are very aware of El Nino," said NFL spokesman Chris Widmaier. "The classic story is that it's never rained on a Super Bowl, and we're very hopeful that streak will continue." The streak looks safe, for now. Long-range forecasts say that after a bout of rain on Monday or Tuesday, the skies are expected to clear, and Sunday's game should be dry, with temperatures in the 60s. But, says David Newman, who runs events for NFL Properties, "The Super Bowl is more than the game. There are many different events surrounding it that run through the whole week." And that's where El Nino, a warm-water mass in the Pacific Ocean that plays havoc with global weather patterns every 15 years or so, could make its presence felt. In fact, it already has. At the NFL Experience, the fan festival adjacent to Qualcomm Stadium, a run of miserable rainy days forced the league to take drastic action. "It looked like Woodstock out here," Newman said. "We set this up on a dirt lot, but pretty soon it was a mud lot." The NFL solution? "Every place there wasn't a tent, we paved," Newman said. The paving mission began last Tuesday, and finished up just in time for the opening of the festival on Friday. The show, which costs a \$14 ticket, could go on. Under gloomy skies, of course. By Sunday, the weather became perfectly Southern Californian, with sunshine, late-arriving clouds and temperatures in the 80s. But showers were expected to roll back in, posing a problem for perhaps the biggest side-

show of the Super Bowl carnival: Tuesday's media day. The photo/interview extravaganza, where players are expected to answer dumb questions about what sort of tree they'd be, and dumber questions about dumb questions, is scheduled to be held on the field. But Jim Steeg, who heads the league's preparations for the game, will move it all indoors to the stadium's club-level lounges at the drop of a drop. Steeg is fussing over the turf, which is brand-new sod laid Dec. 26 after the Holiday Bowl. "We've had a little bit of problems trying to get it to take hold all the way down to the sand base," he said, but added that it should be ready for the game. Even if it does rain all week, Steeg is prepared. Qualcomm's drainage system has been tested and re-tested, and the NFL purchased a tarpaulin to cover not just the playing field, but the entire sidelines to the first row of seats. The league bought new tarps for all the practice fields used by the Broncos and Packers, and both teams have access to gigantic indoor facilities — a 50,000-foot gym floor at the University of California at San Diego, and a U.S. Volleyball Association training facility at U.S. International University. "You can kick off in there," Steeg said. "That place is just incredible." With all the preparation, the NFL has made its stand: El no, we won't go. "It's soggy," Steeg said. "But they say this is the rainy season, anyway. It might be El Nino, or just that time of year. It doesn't really make much difference, does it?"

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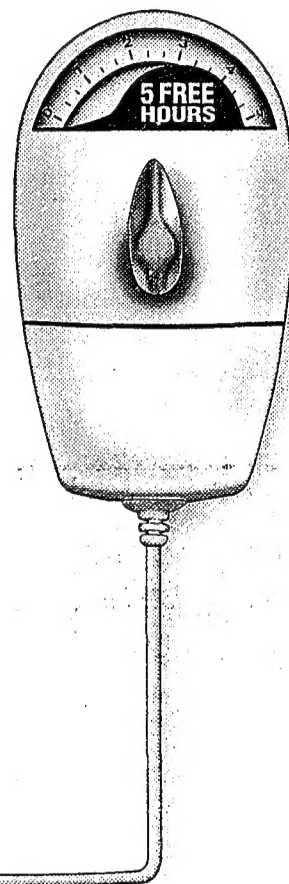
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# Athletes of the Week

## Sidourek and Butler earn honors

by Andy Nordmeier

This week's athletes of the week share the common thread of coming back from a lengthy layoff.

For the men, hockey goaltender Kendall Sidourek gets the nod for his 23 save effort in the 4-2 loss to the Wisconsin Badgers on Sunday. The woman athlete of the week is track star Carri Butler for her two wins in the Ward Haylett meet and provisional qualifying time for nationals.

Sidourek, one of the goaltenders on the hockey team, saw his first full game since the Michigan Tech series at the end of December and showed he wasn't rusty at all.

He kept the Mavs in the game for the duration of it and made a few highlight-reel caliber saves with his glove. Sidourek also did see playing time in the Friday night game against the Badgers. He fended off all four shots he saw in the final 11:14 of that game.

Head coach Mike Kemp had comments on the performance of Sidourek.

"He came back from a layoff and played his angles well," Kemp said. "He gave up few rebounds and showed toughness in net."

Despite a 1-4 record on the season, Sidourek may be seeing more playing time as the Mavs are out of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association part of the schedule. Look for him to see some time against Alabama-Huntsville this weekend and against Air Force Academy when they visit on Jan. 30 and 31.

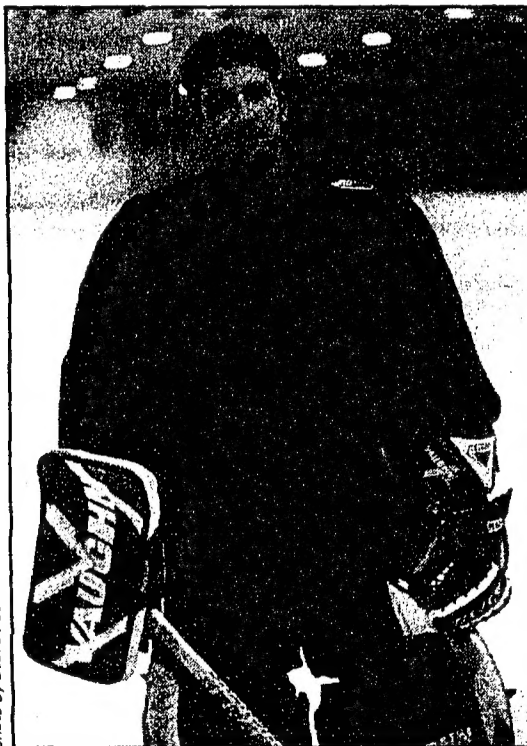


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Butler's name is on the list of great runners in the North Central Conference. She took home victories in the 60-yard run and the 600-yard run Saturday.

Her time of 7.09 seconds in the 60-yard run earned her the provisional place in the NCAA Division II National meet. A time of 7.05 is necessary to guarantee a qualifying spot.

Butler currently holds 13 conference titles. She has never lost the 400-meter in NCC competition. She owns the all-time records with times of 54.60 indoors and 54.26 outdoors. In addition, she owns more All-American certificates than any other athlete in UNO history with twelve.

For Butler, and the track team on the whole, this is the first meet of the indoor season and a payoff for training hard since September.

Head Coach Tim Hendricks had this to say about Butler's performance, "She has been beaten only once as a sophomore. There is no doubt she is the most dominant runner."

The Athletes of the Week are Kendall Sidourek (left) and Carri Butler (above right). They have both come back after long layoffs.

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# I Saw Elvis At The Dairy Queen Last Tuesday And ...

By Colleen De Baise  
College Press Service  
CHICAGO

It's one way to prove that you're a hunka hunka burning intellect. This year's application to the prestigious University of Chicago invites students to concoct their best conspiracy theory explaining how Elvis Presley is alive, well and maybe even hanging out at the mall. "Here in the Office of College Admissions," the question begins, "we are persuaded that current Elvis sightings in highway rest areas, grocery stores and laundromats are part of a wider conspiracy involving five of the following: the metric system, the Mall of America, the crash of the Hindenburg, Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, lint, J.D. Salinger, and wax fruit." The question, which is optional, asks students "to get to the bottom of this evil plot" in two pages or less. So far, nearly a third of the 6,000 applicants have taken the challenge and answered the Elvis question, passing over a more traditional question about what factors comprise a neighborhood. One female student drafted her response in the form of a memo to President Clinton. The King of Rock, she explained, is actually a crafty scientist who faked his own death so he could devote more time to working on complex physics theories. To that end, Presley currently is developing a polymer coating that would prevent lint from forming on clothes, she wrote. Also, "he is very angry that nothing has been done to incorporate the metric system into general use in America since President Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act in 1975," she wrote. Another student presented her theory that J.D. Salinger, the reclusive author of "The Catcher in the Rye," is actually Jesse Aaron Presley, Elvis' fraternal twin presumed to have been born dead in 1935. "Paranoid that his older twin's fame and overall 'phoniness' would distract from his artistic genius, Jesse changed his name to 'Jerome David Salinger' and since then has avoided public attention of all sorts," she wrote. A male student decided to wax poetic and presented his answer in a Homeric ode. "1. I call you, Muse, to help me sift through the sick crime committed brashly/2. Help me to write of a conspiracy so great as to send shock waves/3. throughout the scholastic circles, to incite and wake the masses." A suprising number of "suspicious minds" have penned their

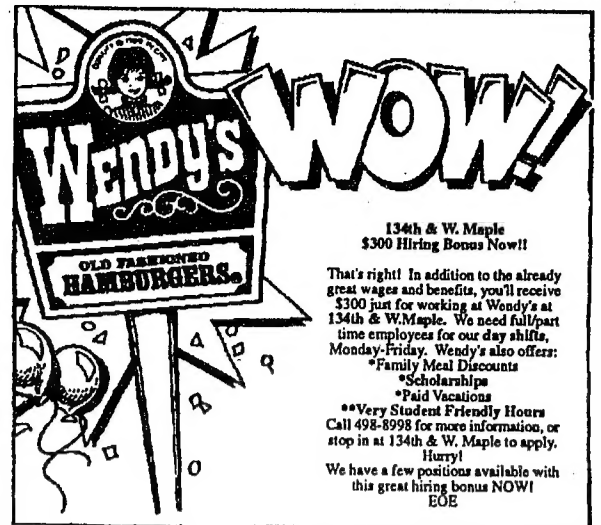
reply in verse, says Joseph Walsh, the U. of C. academic adviser who wrote the question. "I think what happens is that they read the question and think, 'that's dumb,'" he said. "But then it bugs them enough that they say, 'those people, I'm going to show them!'" Quirky questions have become a tradition on the U. of C. application. Another year, students were asked to test their improvisational comedy skills by writing a story about two people meeting at the frozen food section of a supermarket and incorporating their favorite country music song.

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When the questions aren't so run-of-the-mill, students tend to throw themselves into their replies, Walsh said. "You see a real exuberance of doing a good job with this," he said. "If you ask, 'tell us about the most meaningful moment of your life' you don't get that exuberance." Of course, students vying to fill 1,000 open slots in this year's incoming freshman class have to do a bit more than prove Elvis is alive. For starters, the mean SAT score at U. of C. falls between 1270 and 1480. And students might want to persuade the admissions committee that they're capable of great things, too. The university boasts 69 Noble Prize winners among its alumni, more than any other school. Walsh said the wacky question helps him and the nine other members of the admissions committee gauge a student's ingenuity. "It really does tell us something about a student," he said. "If you're going to come here, you're going to really have to think it's fun, important and engaging to play with ideas." The committee doesn't place much stake in the high-brow stuffiness usually associated with academic greatness, he said. "Nobel Prize winners are a little bit nuts themselves, by and large," he said. "Actually, in an odd way, [the ability to make quirky connections] is incredibly consistent with academic achievement." There's one more reason why the admissions committee favors odd essay questions, Walsh admits. Put yourself in their "blue suede shoes" for one moment and imagine sorting through 6,000 college applications. "Nobody has more of an incentive to lighten this than the people who have to read through them," he said.

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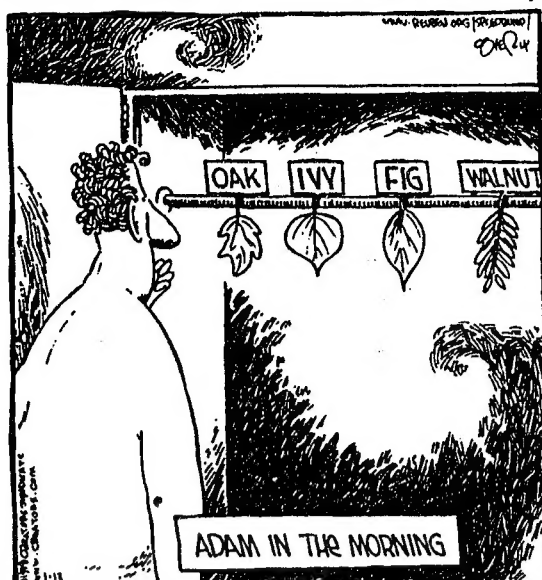


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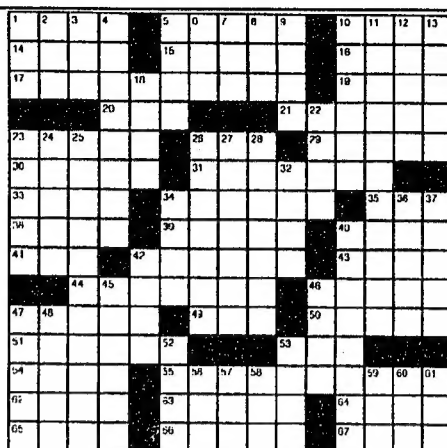
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Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Healing and reconciliation are available by calling 398-5555 or 1-800-825-5115. You will receive a confidential referral to a specially trained counselor and/or priest. Project Rachel, healing the wounds of abortion.

## HELP WANTED

**ENTRY LEVEL MEDICAL** World leading plasma collecting facility looking for college students to work part time mornings or evenings processing plasma customers. \$614-\$677 to start. Tuition reimbursement and bonuses are available. Contact Juanita at CENTEON BIOSERVICES 3939 Leavenworth 345-1477. EOE

**Temporary Help Needed** Full or part time positions to deliver event brochures to area businesses. Must have personal transportation. Come in and fill out an application on January 26th, 27th, and 28th from 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Community Health Plaza, next to Immanuel Hospital. 7101 Newport Ave., Suite 203. Pay ranging from \$6 to \$10 an hour.

Full-time receptionist needed at West Omaha Company. Duties include: answering phones, ordering supplies for marketers, light typing, and data entry. Great benefits. Non-smoker. Salary dependent upon experience, starting at \$15,000. Please send resume to Art Jettler and Company, Attn: Nikki 11305 Chicago Circle Omaha, NE 68154. Or fax resume to 330-5078.

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**GO TO CAMP THIS SUMMER!** Nebraska's most beautiful resident camp, YMCA Camp Kitaki, located on the Platte River, is seeking applicants for the following positions: Counselors, Wranglers, Lifeguards, Waterfront Director, Crafts Instructors, Nature Director, Ropes Course guides. Call 402-434-9225 or write Camp Kitaki 6000 Cornhusker Hwy., Lincoln, NE 68507 for an application.

## Wanted Outstanding Outdoor Educators

The 4-H Camps in Nebraska, located at the Nebraska National Forest-Halsey, Schram State Park-Graina, and Harlan County Reservoir-Alma, are accepting applications for summer staff. Spend mid-May to mid-August leading youth in outdoor programs. You will be trained to teach nature, ropes/confidence course, canoeing, tubing, crafts, overnight camping, and many more programs. You do not need to be in 4-H to apply. Application deadline: February 28, 1998. For information call (308) 533-2224 or email: thyd025@unlvm.unl.edu.

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## Bruegger's Bagels

Daytime help wanted, flexible hours. Call Bruegger's Bagels 114th & Davenport at 697-7888.

## EARN

**\$750-\$1500/WEEK** Raise all the money your student group needs by sponsoring a **VISA Fundraiser** on your campus. No investment & very little time needed. There's no obligation, so why not call for information today. Call 1-800-323-8454 x 95.

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